## REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



Attorney Docket No: 63601.000053 Client Reference No.: PD96-214-CNT3

Pending Prior U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/920,851

Prior Art Unit: 2175

Prior Examiner: Apu M. Mofiz

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

a request for filing a continuation patent This application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,851, filed on August 3, 2001, entitled, TECHNIQUE FOR DELETING DUPLICATE RECORDS REFERENCED IN AN INDEX OF A DATABASE, by the below-named inventor(s):

INVENTOR	RESIDENCE	CITIZENSHIP	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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- 1. [X] Attached is a copy of the executed oath or declaration in pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,851, showing the original signature(s) or an indication that it was signed. The entire disclosure of pending prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,851, from which the copy of the executed oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the present patent hereby incorporated herein application and is reference.
- 2. [X] 119 pages of specification; 2 pages of declaration; and 26 sheets of informal drawings are attached. matter has been added.

The PTO did not receive the following

- A signed statement is attached deleting inventor(s) named [] in the above-identified pending prior patent application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- 4. [X] Please cancel claims 2-5.
- 5. [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- 6. [] The present patent application is entitled to small entity status.
- 7. [X] The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the present patent application, amended at 4 and 5 above (if applicable):

	# of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	1	Minus 20	0	x \$.00	\$.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus 3	0	x \$.00	\$.00
	\$770.00				
If multiple dependent claims are present, add \$280.00					\$.00
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- 8. [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0206 in the amount of \$.00 for the above-indicated fees. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.
- 9. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 associated with the filing of the present patent application, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/920,851, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-

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0206. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.

- 10.[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which are required during the pendency of the present patent application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206. This authorization does not include any issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.
- 11.[] Priority of foreign Application No. \_\_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12.[X] The above-identified pending prior patent application is assigned of record to: Overture Services, Inc.
- 13.[X] The power of attorney in the above-identified pending prior patent application is to:

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- 15.[X] A return receipt postcard is submitted herewith.
- 16.[] Also attached: Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2).

It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available under 37 CFR 1.14 to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 CFR 1.53(b) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the

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Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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